

Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please ask for a pink prayer request**, write your request, and hand it to the pastor. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak we will not be having fellowship hour following the services. We hope you worship with us again soon!

Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ
John 13:34-35



LCMS

Participation in Holy Communion

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

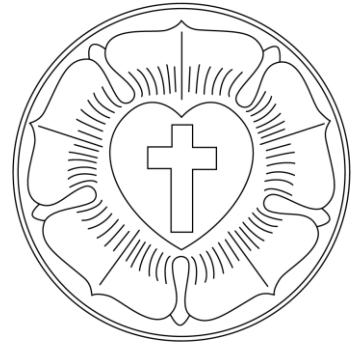
- ❖ *I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.*
- ❖ *believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.*
- ❖ *I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament - in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ *I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.*

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Each pre-packaged communion cup has one wafer and non-alcoholic juice. Tear off the first layer of cellophane for the wafer and then the foil for the juice. On your way back to your seat place your used cup in the basket by the first pew.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

An Explanation by Luther himself...

"As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark. I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us.



"For on who believes from the heart will be saved." (Rom 10:10) Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. it does not corrupt nature, that is , it does not kill but keeps alive. *"The just shall live by faith"* (Rom 1:17), but by faith in the Crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer in to a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives. (John 14:27) That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and angels. (Matt 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in the a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such a joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to in good friendship, hoping for your appreciations. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your sprit until life hereafter. Amen." - Signed July 8th 1580

1

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

3

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

5

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Invocation & Opening Sentences *Ps 46:1a, 2a; Rom 3:23–24a; John 8:31b–32*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God is our refuge and strength;

C therefore we will not fear.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C and are justified by His grace as a gift.

P If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

C and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Confession and Absolution

Incorporating Psalm 46:4, 7, 11

P Lord of hosts,

C hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

578 Thy Strong Word

1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of creation, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of lords, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

578 Thy Strong Word

2

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your

Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

578 Thy Strong Word

3

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters his voice, the earth melts.

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

- P** Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

578 Thy Strong Word

4

From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

578 Thy Strong Word

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God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe (*Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 4:15; Heb 11:6*)

in one God, (*Deut 6:4, 1 Cor 8:4-6; John 10:30; Eph 4:4-6; Matt. 28:19*)

the Father Almighty, (*Mt 6:9; Ex 6:2-3; Rev 1:8, 4:8*)

Maker of heaven and earth, (*Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Ps 33:6-7*)

and of all things visible and invisible (*Col 1:15-16*).

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (*John 10:30; Rom 10:9; Col 2:6; Acts 10:36; Rev 22:20; Matt. 28:19*)

the only-begotten Son of God, *(Mt 14:33; 16:16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:15)*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *(John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9)*
God of God, Light of Light, *(Ps 27:1; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Mt 17:2, 5)*
Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, *(John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5)*
being of one substance with the Father, *(John 10:30)*
by Whom all things were made; *(John 1:3 [Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; Ps 33:6]; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:16)*
Who for us men and for our salvation *(Mt 1:21; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 1:8-10, 4:9; Is 53:11)*
came down from heaven *(John 3:31; 6:33-35; Is 12:2)*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, *(Luke 1:35, Mt 1:16; Is 7:14)*
and was made man; *(John 1:14)*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate *(Mt 27:22-26; 1 Cor 15:3-5; Gal 6:14; Is 53:4-6).*
He suffered and was buried *(Mt 27:50-60 [Is 53:9]; Mk 8:31; Luke 23:53).*
And the third day
He rose again according to the Scriptures; *(Mt 28:5; Luke 24:1-12; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:3-5)*
and ascended into heaven, *(Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51)*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *(Mk 16:19; Acts 7:55-56)*
And He shall come again with glory *(Mt 24:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)*
to judge both the living and the dead; *(Acts 10:42 [4:12]; 2 Tim 4:1 [Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26, Gal 2:21])*
whose kingdom shall have no end *(Luke 1:33 [1 Cor 15:57]).*
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *(Gen 1:2; John 14:26; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:13-14; Matt. 28:19)*
the Lord and Giver of Life, *(Rom 8:2-4; 2 Cor 2:6)*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *(John 15:26; Rom 8:9-11)*
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified, *(Mt 3:16-17; Eph 4:4-6)*
Who spoke by the Prophets. *(2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; Ezek 11:5)*
And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. *(Eph 2:19-22, 5:26-27; 1 Pet 2:9)*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *(John 11:23-27; Rom 6:5; 1 Cor 15:12-58)*
and the life of the world to come *(Mt 25:34; Mk 10:29-30; John 11:25-26; Rev 21:1-7).*
Amen *(Ps 106:48; Rev 22:20).*

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1—4

1

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Incorporating Psalm 46

- P** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances. O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

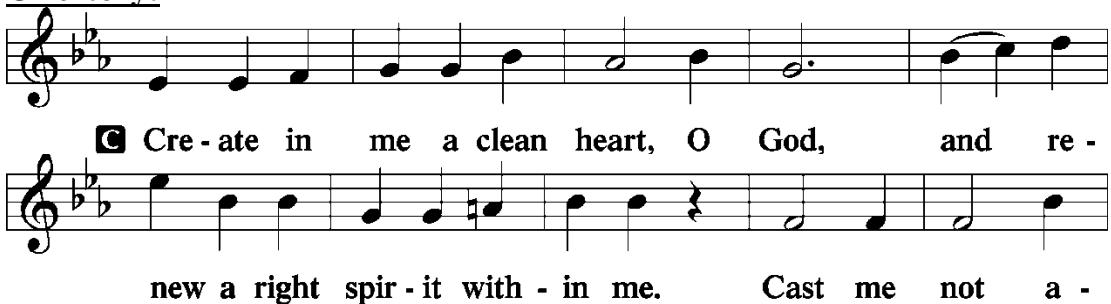
P Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offertory:



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

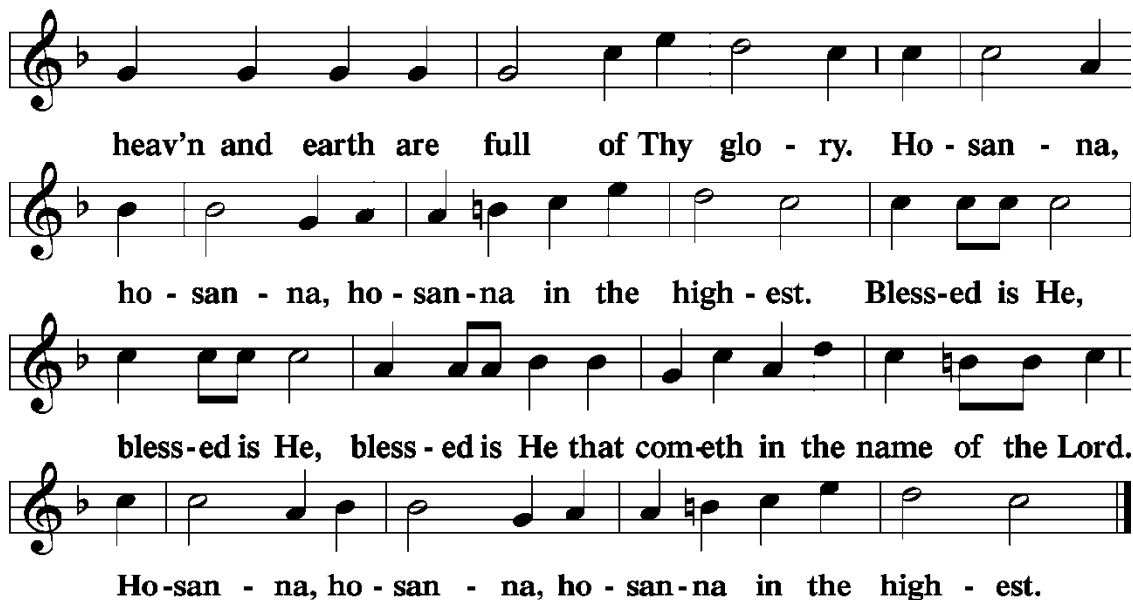
Preface & Proper Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:4; Matthew 21:9

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Lamb of God

John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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566 By Grace I'm Saved

1

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

2

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
 His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

3

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

4

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
 What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
 Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

5

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

6

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!
 O Lord, have mercy!
 Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
 Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
 O Lord, have mercy!

Post- Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1–4

1

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.

2

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Glossary of Terms

Absolution: The Pastor's announcement that Christ has forgiven all of your sins.

Absolve: To forgive sin.

Atone/ Atonement: An act that brings two groups or people together that had been enemies.

Benediction: Bestowing of a blessing

Christ: The Greek title for Jesus being the Anointed One. *Messiah is the Hebrew word meaning Anointed One.*

Confession: A person's personal statement of one's sin; can also be used to describe a statement of faith such as the Nicene Creed.

Contrition: Mourning the sin one commits.

Covenant: A formal agreement between individuals or groups in which one or both sides agree to fulfill a promise. All covenants involving God are initiated by Him.

Creed: As summary of beliefs.

Doctrine: Teaching

Epistle: Letter

Faith: Trust or belief in God and His promises, especially the promise of forgiveness through Christ, the content of God's Holy Word and promises.

Gospel: Good news.

Holy: Set apart for a special purpose, sacred.

Hosanna: Hebrew meaning: Save us now!

Incarnation: The event where the Son of God became man.

Iniquity: Sin

Intercession: Prayer offered on behalf of someone else.

Justification: the act of God in which He declares people righteous by His grace through faith in Jesus.

Liturgy: Order of Worship

Means of Grace: The written and spoken Word of the Gospel and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are the ways or means by which God gives us the forgiveness, life, and salvation won by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Old Adam: Our Sinful Self.

Penitent: Being sorry for one's sins.

Petition: A specific prayer or request.

Regeneration: Rebirth or renewal by the Holy Spirit at work through the means of Grace.

Repent/ Repentance: Turning away from sin to faith in Jesus Christ.

Righteous: Being in a right relationship with God. Being morally right and just.

Sabbath: The seventh day of the week, the day set aside for rest and worship.

Sabaoth: Heavenly Host or Army

Sanctification/ Sanctified: The work of the Holy Spirit in the life a Christian causing spiritual growth.

Temporal: Relating to time and earthly life.

Testament: A Will, usually as a written document, that explains how a person's wealth and possessions will be disturbed at death.

Trepass: To cross a boundary, to sin.

Triune: Three in one.

Vocation: A persons calling (career),or position in life (relationship to others, i.e.: Mom)